

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-4 and 9-25 in the above-identified application.

Applicants will now address the Examiner's remaining rejection in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 26-35 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Togashi et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended Claims 26 and 31 to recite the feature of fixing the second substrate to the first substrate after forming the pixel portion and the photosensor (dependent Claims 27 and 32 have been amended to correct minor informalities therein). This feature is shown, for example, on pages 31-33 of the present application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner contends that Togashi shows in Fig. 8C, a photosensor (PD) formed on a second substrate (41). Applicants disagree. Togashi describes 41 as “a lower diode electrode” (col. 5, lns. 52-53 in Togashi). The reference describes the two substrates as reference nos. 31 and 32 (see col. 5, lns. 48-49). Hence, Togashi does not disclose or suggest forming a photosensor on a second substrate and fixing the second substrate to the first substrate after forming the pixel portion and the photosensor, as recited in the rejected claims in the present application.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 26 and 31, and those claims dependent thereon, are not shown or suggested by the cited reference but are patentable thereover. Therefore, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

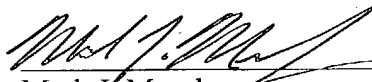
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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